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At page 1, prior to paragraph 0001, please insert the following title and paragraph.

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/013,396, filed on December 7, 2001, now U.S. Patent _____, issued on _____, and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

At page 5, please amend paragraph 0030 as indicated below.

A free-standing support structure 14 superimposes first die 12 and includes a vertically oriented first side 14a, an opposite vertically oriented second side 14b, and a horizontally oriented top side 14c that is connected at right angles to first and second sides 14a, 14b. Topside 14c includes an upward-facing first surface 14d and an opposite downward-facing second surface 14e.

At page 5, please amend paragraph 0031 as indicated below.

In this ~~embodiments~~ embodiment, support structure 14 is generally rectangular in ~~cross-seetions~~ cross-section, but can have any shape. Typically, the corners are rounded, e.g., for ease of encapsulation. A rectangular second die 16 that is smaller in horizontal area than first die 12 is mounted on first surface 14d of top side 14c. Second die 16 has an upward-facing active first surface 16a and an

opposing downward-facing inactive second surface 16b. Support structure 14 can also have two additional vertically oriented sides (not visible in this cross-sectional view), and thus, may have a total of four vertically oriented sides.